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FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5752

SECDEF WASHDC PRIORITY

INFO CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON

USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN GERMANY

NAS SIGONELLA

DIA WASHDC

CTF SIX SEVEN

C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 1430

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, MT

SUBJ: EOD DETECTORS

REF: (A) STATE 187604 (B) USDAO VALLETTA 271440 AUG 74 (NOTAL)

C. USCINCEUR 291332Z AUG 74

1. THIS IS JOINT EMBASSY/DATT MESSAGE.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AUTHORITH GRANTED IN REF (A), WE HAVE DISCUSSED PROVISIONS OF EOD ASSISTANCE WITH GOM MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS LORRY SANT. OUTCOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS WAS OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM MINISTER SANT FOR LEADER OF EOD TEAM SIGONELLA TO PROCEED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO MALTA TO MAKE ON-SITE SURVEY OF LUQA PROJECT WITH RESPONSIBLE GOM OFFICIALS. IN ACCORDANCE REF (A), WE TOLD THE MINISTER THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE.

3. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THAT LEADER OF EOD TEAM SIGONELLA SHOULD PROCEED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY TO MALTA AT USG EXPENSE FOR REVIEW OF SITUATION WITH EMBASSY, DATT AND GOM, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN USG INTEREST TO ASK GOM TO FUND TRAVEL COSTS, AS RECOMMENDED IN REF (C).

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4. FOLLOWING EOD LEADER SURVEY, ALCOM CAN REVIEW TYPE AND EXTENT OF ASSISTANCE WHICH USG MIGHT APPROPRIATELY OFFER GOM FOR LUQA AIRPORT PROJECT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT STATE/DEFENSE AUTHORIZE EOD LEADER SIGONELLA PROCEED MALTA ASAP AT USG EXPENSE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

6. COMMENT: CINCUSNAVEUR 291619Z AUG 74 AND 311827Z AUG 74 RECEIVED AFTER PREPARATION OF THIS MSG DUE TO EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS DIFFICULTIES.

CINCEUR 301541Z AUG 74, REFERRED TO IN LATTER, NOT HELD. AS STATED IN PARA 1-5 OF THIS MSG, EMBASSY/DAL CONCUR WITH CINCUSNAVEUR APPROACH OF PARA 1 THEIR 311827Z AUG 74WIGGINS

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